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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Slaughter steers sold higher for the first time in several weeks as both slaughter steers and heifers were mainly 50-75¢ higher. At Chicago steers grading average-Choice and below as well as all grades of heifers were $1.00-1.50 higher. Cows were generally steady to 50¢ higher. A steady to 50¢ higher price trend prevailed on stockers and feeders. Barrows and gilts were mainly steady to 25¢ higher, with Omaha and St. Joseph exceptions where steady to 25¢ lower prices prevailed. Sows sold steady to 50¢ lower. In the Interior-Iowa-Southern Minnesota area barrows and gilts were steady to 25¢ higher. For the most part spring slaughter lambs were steady to 50¢ higher.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Slaughter steer prices were higher for the first time since late March halting a prolonged decline which dropped the average price to the lowest levels since April, 1957. Slaughter steers and heifers were generally 50-75¢ higher at midwestern terminals with most weights and grades sharing in the price upturn. However, in Chicago, where prices were sharply lower the previous week, steers average-Choice and below and all heifers were $1.00-1.50 higher, high-Choice and Prime steers 50-75¢ higher. Cows were generally steady to 50¢ higher with the greatest advance on Canner and Cutter grades. Bulls sold steady to 50¢ higher. Vealers were steady to $1.00 higher in St. Paul and $1.00 lower at St. Louis. Receipts at 12 markets were reduced nearly 14 percent and were the smallest since early January. The Memorial Day holiday undoubtedly contributed to reduced receipts. The curtailed receipts and a 50¢-$1.50 higher trend on carcass steer and heifer beef at major centers provided the bullish influence necessary toward the advance on live cattle. The average weight of steers at seven markets was the heaviest in 12 weeks at 1152#. Slaughter steers and heifers predominated in the receipts at most markets with the bulk Good to average-Choice.

Bulk of the high-Good and Choice 1000-1350# steers sold at $21.75-23.50. In Chicago Prime and mixed Choice and Prime 1050-1450# steers brought $23.25-25.50, a few loads Prime $25.75-26.00. Bulk Choice 900-1400# steers in Chicago went at $23.00-24.00 late. Good steers bulked at $20.50-22.00. High-Choice and mixed Choice and Prime slaughter heifers moved at $23.25-24.00, most Choice $22.00-23.25, Good $20.50-22.50. Utility and Commercial cows $15.25-17.50, Canner and Cutter mostly $14.50-17.00.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES- An early week holiday tended to curtail marketings of stocker and feeder cattle and calves. Receipts of cattle at midwest terminals were appreciably smaller than the moderate numbers which were marketed in other recent weeks and along with the decrease in numbers was a lowering in over-all quality. A fairly large percent of the supplies consisted of Good offerings but Choice offerings were relatively scarce. Stock calves of any grade continued in limited supply. Substantially higher slaughter cattle prices encourage increased interest in stockers and feeders but, at the same time, the holiday not only influenced receipts but also tended to restrict buyer attendance at the various markets. Thus, trading usually was only moderately active and mostly on a steady to strong basis although several markets reported some advances of 25-50¢. Due to increased competition from slaughter cattle buyers, fleshy two-way steers shared in the mildly stronger trend. However, feeder buyers still showed a decided inclination to proceed as cautiously as possible in their efforts to secure feedlot replacements.

Good and Choice yearling stock steers sold from $22.00-27.00 but because of the scarcity of Choice, relatively few sales exceeded $25.50. Medium and low-Good stockers ranged $19.50-23.50. Good and Choice 800-1050# feeder steers sold from $20.00-24.00. Weight was still an important price determining factor. At Omaha a few Choice 900-925# feeders showing evidence of some grain feeding brought $22.50. Good and Choice yearling heifers sold from $20.00-24.00, two loads Choice 600-650# $24.50. A limited volume of Good and Choice steer calves went from $24.50-29.00, same grades heifer calves $22.50-26.25.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Supplies or hogs at the 12 terminals declined for the second successive week with the reductions during the week under review caused by a holiday. Compared with the previous week salable receipts were down around 11 percent, and were 3 percent smaller than a year ago which was also a holiday shortened week. At Sioux City, however, supplies were larger than both a week and year ago. Mixed U. S. 1-3 190-270# barrows and gilts again comprised the bulk of the supply, and at several markets a slight increase was noted in the percent of hogs over 240# with average weights of barrows and gilts somewhat heavier than a week earlier. A small seasonal increase was again reported in the showing of sows. Barrows and gilts were generally steady to 25¢ higher except at Omaha and St. Joseph where steady to 25¢ lower prices were in effect. Sows worked out steady to 50¢ lower. Substantial upturns in the pork trade at wholesale levels, and the reduced volume of marketings

were stimulating factors in the week's trade which saw substantial upturns in the live market through Wednesday generally wiped out Thursday when supplies were once more liberal. The week's advances were then posted by the Friday market.

Shippers were fairly aggressive throughout the week and at Chicago and Indianapolis around 60 percent found outlets in that direction.

U. S. No. 1-2 190-240# barrows and gilts closed mainly at $16.75-17.25 in the western cornbelt but from $17.50-17.75 at some eastern markets with an extreme late of $18.00 at Chicago.

Good and Choice 130-170# feeder pigs at Sioux City closed $15.00-16.00 and at St. Paul Good and Choice offerings brought $16.00-16.50.

HOGS - Receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area at 284,000 head, were around 10 percent less than the previous week, but were 22 percent larger than the combined four day comparable period last year. Demand was fairly good and, with moderate receipts, prices worked higher. Compared with previous Friday, closing sales for 190-240# barrows and gilts were steady to 25¢ higher, heavier weights 10-20¢ higher. Sows were 15-25¢ higher.

On Friday, U. S. No. 1-3 and 2-3 200-220# barrows and gilts, including some 190-240# in a few sections, sold at $16.00-16.50 with a few mostly 2 and 3 220-240# $15.65-16.00, and some mostly No. 1-2 200-220# $16.50-17.00. U. S. No. 1-3 270-400# sows went at $13.75-15.00, some to $15.40; mostly 400-550# $12.50-14.40.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the 12 major terminals numbered 77,000 head, 26 percent less than a week earlier and 6 percent less than last year. Higher prices prevailed at most points with demand good on the reduced receipts. Higher dressed lamb prices also had a bullish effect on the live trade. For the week, old crop slaughter lambs were mainly steady to 50¢ higher but steady to weak at Denver and Chicago. Spring slaughter lambs were steady to 50¢ higher, instances 75¢-$1.00 up, however, lambs at Sioux City sold steady to 50¢ lower. Increased numbers of slaughter ewes were weak to mostly 50¢ lower, instances $1.00 off. Feeder lambs were steady at most points but steady to 50¢ lower at Fort Worth.

Choice and a few Prime 90-114# shorn old crop slaughter lambs with No. 1,2 and fall shorn pelts brought $14.00-16.00, including several shipments $15.00-15.50, a few sales of Choice 115-120# offerings brought $12.00-14.50, Good and Choice 90-113# $13.00-15.00, Good and Choice 85-115# old crop wooled slaughter lambs brought $14.00-16.00, part deck $16.75 at Chicago. Seasonally increased numbers of Choice and Prime 77-105# spring slaughter lambs sold from $18.00-19.25, a limited volume $19.50-20.00, Good and Choice $17.00-18.50 at most terminals, but $16.50-17.50 at Fort Worth. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes sold at $2.00-4.50, a few to $5.00.

Good and Choice 52-71# spring feeder lambs were noted at $14.50-16.00 and at $16.50 in St. Paul for Choice 58# lambs. At Fort Worth, Medium and Good spring feeders $10.00-12.00 and Medium and Good shorn old crop feeders $7.00-9.00.

Receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area numbered 22,900 head, 9 percent less than a week ago but 10 percent more than last year. As on the 12 terminals the curtailed numbers marketed combined with higher carlot dressed lamb prices were bullish factors stimulating demand on the live trade. For the week, old crop slaughter lambs were mostly steady although Utility and Good were weak to 50¢ lower. Spring slaughter lambs were steady to 50¢ higher. Slaughter ewes were weak to 50¢ lower. Spring slaughter lambs comprised 25-35 percent of the supply.

On Friday, Choice 90-105# shorn old crop slaughter lambs with No. 1-2 pelts and including a few yearlings were delivered to packing plants at $14.00-15.00, Choice 105-115# $13.00-14.50, 115-120# $12.50-13.50. Good and Choice 90-110# offerings secured $12.00-14.50, Utility and Good $10.00-12.50. A few shipments of Choice 90-110# wooled old crop lambs $14.00-16.00, 110-120# $12.50-15.00, Good and Choice 90-110# $12.50-15.00. Choice and Prime 80-95# spring slaughter lambs $18.00-20.00. Good and Choice 80-100# $17.00-18.50. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes $2.00-4.00, few $4.50.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers was fairly active, steady to 50¢ higher with advance mainly in California, stocker and feeder cattle mostly steady, spring lambs moderately active, steady.

Slaughter steers: In California, 61 loads Choice 920-1050# sold at $23.40-24.15, bulk $23.50; over California and Arizona, loadlots Good to mostly Choice, 950-1150# $22.75-23.25, 1150-1300# $22.00-22.50, load 1300# $21.00. Loadlots average-Good to low-Choice 950-1150# $22.00-22.65; high-Standard to mostly Good 900-1150# $20.90-22.00, few loads Standard and Good 950-1100# $20.00-20.75. In Utah, 2 loads mostly Choice 1000-1025# $22.00; 7 loads high-Good and mostly Choice 1100-1150# $21.00.

Slaughter heifers: In California, 5 loads

Choice 825-900# $23.00; over California and Arizona, loadlots Good and mostly Choice 750-1000# $22.00-22.75, bulk $22.50.

Stockers and feeders: Choice and Fancy 275-425# mixed calves $28.00-28.30 on steers, $26.00-26.15 on heifers; Choice and Fancy 430-550# calves and short yearlings $24.00-26.00 on steers, $22.00-24.00 on heifers; Good and Choice 560-660# steers $22.00-23.00; Good and mixed Good and Choice 700-900# steers $20.00-21.00; 1,500 Medium and Good 550-650# steers $20.50-21.00.

Spring lambs: Choice and Prime 88-110# spring slaughter lambs $16.50-17.25, Choice and Prime 95-110# shorn with mostly No. 2 pelts $16.00.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Trading on slaughter cattle direct at the feedlots in Colorado rather active with slaughter steers 75¢-$1.50 higher; slaughter heifers 50¢-65¢ higher. In Colorado, Choice 1060-1300# slaughter steers brought $21.65-23.50 with late sales bulking at $22.35-23.50; few loads high-Good and Choice 1175-1275# $21.00-22.50. Average and high-Choice 875-1025# slaughter heifers $23.25-23.90; bulk of low and average-Choice 900-1050# $22.25-23.25. Wyoming: 2 loads average and high-Choice 1200-1300# slaughter steers $23.00-23.25, 4 loads Choice 1025-1065# slaughter heifers $22.75-23.25.

Direct sales of stocker and feeder cattle and calves scarce, steady. Colorado: 5 loads partly fattened Good and Choice 820-870# feeder steers $22.50-23.75; load 600# $24.00. Two loads Good and Choice 700# feeder heifers $20.65-21.00. Limited sales on slaughter lambs steady. Colorado: Choice 105-114# shorn lambs No. 1 and 2 pelts $14.75-15.50. Western Kansas: Choice and Prime 90-100# spring slaughter lambs $18.00-18.75.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis area - Slaughter steers sold fully 50¢ higher; heifers strong; stockers and feeders slow, 50¢-$1.00 lower.

Slaughter steers: Around 725 mostly Choice 1025-1125# $22.75-23.50; 422 Good and Choice 954-1070# $22.00-22.75; 255 Good 940-1080# $21.50-22.00.

Slaughter heifers: Thirty mostly Choice 867# $23.00; 200 Good and Choice 830-850# $22.75; 87 Good 655-682# $22.00-22.50.

Stockers and feeders: Sixty Choice 1078# feeders $21.00, load Choice 889# $21.25; 475 Good and Choice 775-800# $21.00; 635 Good and Choice 627# $22.00; 476 Good 580-625# $21.00-21.50; 820 Good 576-620# feeder heifers $19.75-20.50; load Good and Choice 379# stock calves, steers $27.00, heifers $25.00.

Lamb: Steady, 4,000 mostly Choice 75-85# spring slaughter lambs $15.00-16.00, few Choice and Prime $17.00-17.25. 2000 Choice 100-106# No. 2 pelt shorn slaughter lambs $11.00-12.00. 3,500 Choice and Fancy 70# spring feeders $13.00, 16,500 Choice 60-68# $12.00.

Amarillo Area - All classes cattle steady to 50¢ higher. Slaughter steers: 22 Choice 1233# $21.75; 130 Good, 1020-1150# $20.75-21.00, 31 Good mixed yearlings 850# $21.00. Slaughter heifers: 180 mostly Choice 980-1000# $22.40; 87 Good and Choice 706-925# $21.00-21.50; 69 Good 986# $20.25. 250 680-725# rail basis $37.00 Good, $35.00 Standard.

Stockers and feeders: 3,200 mostly Choice 650-850# steers $21.50-23.00, 886 Medium and Good 675-810# $20.00-22.00; 2,400 Good and Choice 550-650# heifers $20.00-22.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers and heifers steady; stockers and feeders slow, steady; spring slaughter lambs steady to 50¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: Washington - Mostly Choice 900-1075# $23.00, mostly for July and August delivery. Good to mostly Choice 1090-1200# $21.50-22.50, Standard 960-1200# $19.50-20.50. Idaho - Good to mostly Choice 1100-1200# $21.00-22.00.

Slaughter heifers: Washington - Mostly Choice 850# $22.00-22.50 including string at $22.00 for July and August delivery. Idaho - mostly Choice 975-1000# $21.50.

Stockers and feeders: Washington and Idaho - Good and Choice 800-1030# steers $21.25-22.00; 500-550# heifers $21.00-22.00. Oregon - Good and Choice 435# calves $25.00 on steers, $23.00 on heifers.

Spring slaughter lambs: Washington - Choice and Prime 92# $16.35 delivered. Lamb pools: Choice and Prime 90-95# $15.65-16.10 f.o.b. Idaho - Choice and Prime 90-98# $16.80-17.50. Oregon - Choice and Prime 90-95# $16.00-16.50 delivered and $15.00-15.50 f.o.b. Lamb pool: Choice and Prime 90-95# $16.25 to Canadian interests.

Slaughter ewes: Washington - Utility and Good shorn $2.00-4.00 and on carcass grade basis $11.00 on Good, $9.00 on Utility, $6.00 on Cull. Oregon - Cull and Utility $3.00 delivered.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Temperatures generally above normal throughout. Moderate to liberal showers in northern and east-central Montana, balance of area generally dry with only scattered very light precipitation. Continued reluctance of both buyers and producers, coupled with mid-week holiday, very limited trading on all classes of livestock to markets adjacent to range and feeding areas.

Wool: Trading slow at weaker prices. Confirmed 174,000#. Montana: 15,000# mixed fine to three-eights blood $1.15 clean basis, f.o.b. Boston. 144,000# mixed fine and half-blood 40.0-42.0¢. Grease basis, moderate shrinkage. Northern Wyoming: 15,000# fine and half-blood 40.0¢ greases, moderate shrinkage.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle June 3 1961	Cattle June 4 1960	Calves June 3 1961	Calves June 4 1960	Hogs June 3 1961	Hogs June 4 1960	Sheep and lambs June 3 1961	Sheep and lambs June 4 1960
Chicago	31,902	36,617	87	286	29,708	29,783	2,797	2,970
Cincinnati	2,752	3,557	542	403	9,986	10,226	747	675
Denver	8,223	10,183	35	119	3,654	6,075	4,613	6,491
Fort Worth	10,468	12,985	1,601	3,461	2,162	2,728	31,934	32,654
Indianapolis ..	5,816	6,592	861	584	23,614	29,011	736	892
Kansas City ...	12,314	16,405	271	689	13,721	14,525	4,775	6,966
Oklahoma City .	7,149	9,443	522	1,001	3,416	4,558	2,753	4,108
Omaha	31,765	35,147	302	832	40,396	37,236	9,307	7,949
St. Joseph	14,234	16,455	138	629	25,648	19,532	6,484	6,160
St. Louis NSY .	12,106	13,704	1,146	1,724	42,069	53,810	2,602	3,956
Sioux City	21,658	26,177	635	875	42,970	41,723	5,622	5,923
S. St. Paul	15,594	17,201	3,798	4,028	32,958	30,847	4,844	3,502
Total	173,981	204,466	9,938	14,631	270,302	280,054	77,214	82,246
" May 27, 1961	200,962		11,335		304,478		104,337	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA -

	June 3, 1961	May 27, 1961	June 4, 1960
Hogs	284,000	316,000	232,000*
Sheep	22,900	25,300	20,900

*Revised.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended June 1 1961	Week ended May 25 1961	Week ended June 2 1960	Month May 1961	Month May 1960	Five months Jan.- May 1961	Five months Jan.- May 1960
Steers - 1001# up	373	539	819	3,087	2,825	15,600	14,393
901-1000	1,280	1,600	1,183	8,641	7,661	42,470	43,466
801-900	2,014	2,458	2,628	13,253	14,681	66,915	68,741
701-800	3,684	5,116	3,457	21,578	20,038	85,767	87,599
501-700	6,269	8,622	10,562	44,901	59,830	229,195	220,349
Total steers 10 markets ..	13,620	18,335	18,649	91,460	105,035	439,947	434,548
Av. wt. " " " ..	720#	721#	704#	719#	700#	714#	718#
Av. cost* " " " ..	$21.87	$22.06	$23.41	22.44	$24.34	$23.82	$24.46
" " " Chicago	21.59	22.30	24.67	22.22	25.06	22.97	24.35
" " " Kansas City .	22.24	22.53	24.95	23.06	25.38	23.34	24.68
" " " Omaha	22.24	22.23	24.70	22.72	25.14	23.90	24.69
" " " S. St. Paul..	19.35	20.87	22.97	20.85	23.33	21.63	23.25
" " " Sioux City ..	23.55	23.21	25.05	23.48	25.95	25.40	25.75
" " " Denver	23.49	22.64	23.15	22.61	24.49	24.68	24.96
" " " Ft. Worth ...	20.80	21.10	21.08	21.43	21.70	22.72	23.04
" " " Oklahoma City	21.33	21.24	20.79	21.36	22.31	22.83	23.03
" " " S. St. Joseph	22.60	23.14	22.99	23.32	24.56	23.91	24.28
" " " St. Louis NSY	21.96	21.57	23.92	22.15	24.32	22.75	23.81
Total calves - 10 markets.	8,737	6,551	7,956	34,752	35,222	197,361	183,344
" heifers " "	1,960	2,130	2,473	13,166	14,535	63,567	64,970
" cows " "	423	510	574	2,670	2,161	14,173	12,850

*Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S.St Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Fort Worth	Oklahoma City	Wichita	San Antonio
					Stockers and feeders								
June 2, 1961	1	25	6	10	8	17	5	6	6	55	57	39	60
May 26, 1961	1	30	9	14	12	21	5	8	6	60	64	40	55
June 3, 1960	2	36	10	13	7	16	7	10	5	80	64	36	50
					Slaughter cows								
June 2, 1961	3	8	8	5	7	4	20	10	10	25	9	15	15
May 26, 1961	3	7	9	5	10	5	20	11	20	20	8	16	15
June 3, 1960	4	10	6	6	13	6	18	7	10	20	14	18	15

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	June 1 1961	June 2 1960	June 1 1961	June 2 1960	June 1 1961	June 2 1960	June 1 1961	June 2 1960
				CHICAGO				
Prime.....	2,925	740	11.2	2.9	1,252	1,228	24.53	30.24
Choice.....	14,460	17,355	55.2	67.0	1,218	1,180	23.23	27.15
Good.....	7,434	6,915	28.4	26.7	1,128	1,068	22.07	25.23
Standard.....	1,135	709	4.3	2.7	1,055	1,044	19.85	21.52
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	255	184	.9	.7	992	929	18.55	19.99
All grades.....	26,209	25,903			1,187	1,146	22.90	26.59
				OMAHA				
Prime.....	46	39	.3	.2	1,186	1,246	23.19	27.71
Choice.....	8,241	7,350	46.2	39.0	1,184	1,186	22.38	26.14
Good.....	8,027	10,253	45.0	54.4	1,122	1,089	21.33	24.55
Standard.....	1,379	781	7.7	4.1	1,102	1,101	18.91	20.22
Utility.....	144	425	.8	2.3	945	975	17.91	18.74
All grades.....	17,837	18,848			1,148	1,125	21.63	24.92
				SIOUX CITY				
Prime.....	45	32	.4	.3	1,163	1,346	23.62	27.94
Choice.....	5,950	5,502	48.9	43.5	1,204	1,179	22.46	26.01
Good.....	4,753	6,015	39.1	47.5	1,161	1,094	21.61	24.51
Standard.....	1,411	1,035	11.6	8.2	1,083	1,058	19.48	20.10
Utility.....	--	68	--	.5	--	1,013	--	18.00
All grades.....	12,159	12,652			1,173	1,128	21.81	24.84
				KANSAS CITY				
Prime.....	37	--	.6	--	1,238	--	22.93	--
Choice.....	2,768	2,458	47.9	42.4	1,150	1,094	22.52	26.26
Good.....	2,395	2,761	41.4	47.6	1,067	1,059	21.59	24.60
Standard.....	580	558	10.0	9.6	1,056	1,004	19.29	20.95
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	6	20	.1	.4	967	970	17.31	17.97
All grades.....	5,786	5,797			1,106	1,068	21.84	24.97
				ST. LOUIS NSY				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,718	169	27.1	3.5	1,112	1,118	22.98	27.07
Good.....	3,816	3,746	60.2	77.0	1,036	1,051	21.82	24.82
Standard.....	700	775	11.0	16.0	995	956	20.05	22.56
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	110	172	1.7	3.5	924	951	18.73	19.73
All grades.....	6,344	4,862			1,050	1,034	21.92	24.41
				S. ST. JOSEPH				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	3,381	3,570	41.4	42.6	1,178	1,152	22.48	25.67
Good.....	4,090	4,134	50.1	49.3	1,095	1,078	21.36	24.26
Standard.....	655	631	8.0	7.5	1,071	1,099	19.18	20.49
Utility.....	38	53	.5	.6	958	964	17.47	17.79
All grades.....	8,164	8,388			1,127	1,110	21.67	24.57
				DENVER				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	3,899	4,010	84.1	82.4	1,169	1,163	22.78	26.26
Good.....	592	661	12.8	13.6	1,071	1,113	21.61	24.75
Standard.....	145	190	3.1	3.9	1,068	1,095	18.51	19.55
Utility.....	--	3	--	.1	--	977	--	17.00
All grades.....	4,636	4,864			1,154	1,154	22.52	25.81

1/ Data collected by Statistical Reporting Service, and Livestock Division, A. M. S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle June 3 1961	Cattle June 4 1960	Calves June 3 1961	Calves June 4 1960	Hogs June 3 1961	Hogs June 4 1960	Sheep and lambs June 3 1961	Sheep and lambs June 4 1960
Boston, New York City Area	10,193	7,537	9,278	7,188	38,168	33,370	33,462	21,843
Baltimore, Philadelphia	7,428	6,981	1,492	2,251	24,130	19,071	3,438	2,995
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls .	18,279	17,617	4,906	5,222	100,982	104,287	11,204	11,535
Chicago Area	14,740	15,710	4,209	4,194	31,531	27,968	5,606	2,607
St. Paul- Wisc. Areas	23,776	26,199	11,682	13,309	83,837	83,300	11,744	7,043
St. Louis Area	9,620	10,026	1,486	1,647	62,779	60,425	4,082	4,537
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	24,223	20,905	--	--	84,886	75,439	9,189	12,052
Omaha Area	35,563	32,055	87	87	67,717	68,485	13,458	10,852
Kansas City	14,003	13,116	--	--	29,072	30,571	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota	24,870	28,622	1,417	6,358	213,614	204,008	24,652	24,905
Lou'l, Evan'l.Nash'l. Mph's ...	5,824	6,229	2,383	3,484	39,529	51,116	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area ...	9,146	7,423	3,762	4,469	21,294	23,683	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	17,872	19,574	765	1,405	36,957	39,711	10,096	11,521
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio.	14,234	13,576	3,838	4,401	12,540	15,363	51,421	39,491
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City .	22,458	18,240	189	243	12,472	13,691	28,248	19,714
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas ..	24,812	23,778	1,960	1,339	23,291	19,282	35,600	30,688
Portland, Seattle, Spokane	7,246	6,607	172	227	16,102	13,410	6,090	5,421
Total	284,587	274,195	47,626	55,824	898,901	883,180	248,290	205,204
Accumulation to date	6,640,945	6,476,500	1,363,391	1,473,138	24,216,332	26,292,450	5,870,006	5,211,618

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef Number	Beef Prod.	Veal Number	Veal Prod.	Pork (excl. lard) Number	Pork (excl. lard) Prod.	Lamb and mutton Number	Lamb and mutton Prod.	Total meat prod.	Total lard prod.
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
June 3, 1961	350	209.3	80	10.3	1,045	150.3	275	12.9	382.8	--
May 27, 1961	390	233.6	85	11.0	1,190	171.1	290	13.6	429.3	--
May 13, 1961 1/.....	406	--	88	--	1,329	--	312	--	--	46.6
June 4, 1960 1/.....	334	196.1	82	10.6	1,030	144.8	221	10.3	361.8	35.1
Percentage change from:										
May 27, 1961	-10	-10	-6	-6	-12	-12	-5	-5	-11	--
June 4, 1960	5	7	-2	-3	1	4	24	25	6	--

Week ended	Average weight (lb.) Cattle Live	Cattle Dressed	Calves Live	Calves Dressed	Hogs Live	Hogs Dressed 2/	Sheep and lambs Live	Sheep and lambs Dressed	Lard yield per 100 lb.
June 3, 1961	1040	598	230	129	248	144	97	47	--
May 27, 1961	1040	599	230	129	248	144	97	47	--
May 13, 1961	1045	601	225	126	246	143	98	48	--
June 4, 1960	1023	587	232	129	246	141	97	47	13.9

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
		June 3 1961	June 4 1960	June 3 1961	June 4 1960	June 3 1961	June 4 1960	June 3 1961	June 4 1960	June 3 1961	June 4 1960
Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers											
Steers -											
Prime	900-1100#	24.81	29.75	--	--	23.88	29.09	--	--	--	--
	1100-1300	24.81	30.50	--	--	23.75	29.09	--	--	--	--
Choice	900-1100	23.75	27.12	23.00	26.38	22.96	26.72	22.99	26.16	23.88	27.75
	1100-1300	23.50	27.25	22.84	26.38	22.88	26.72	22.84	26.16	22.50	27.12
Good	900-1100	22.03	24.06	21.59	23.94	21.09	23.81	20.91	22.72	22.25	26.00
Standard - All wts.		20.06	21.62	19.56	20.78	18.88	20.34	19.00	19.31	19.75	23.25
Heifers -											
Choice	700-900#	23.16	26.50	22.88	26.03	22.96	26.44	22.94	25.69	22.88	26.62
Good	600-800	--	--	21.62	23.62	21.22	23.50	20.75	22.66	21.25	25.25
Standard - All wts.		19.59	21.25	19.00	20.16	19.00	20.03	18.31	18.75	18.75	22.50
Cows - All weights -											
Commercial		16.19	18.25	17.22	18.75	16.94	17.50	--	18.38	15.25	18.25
Utility		16.47	17.75	16.34	16.75	16.31	16.56	17.00	16.75	14.75	16.75
Cutter		16.34	17.38	15.72	15.28	15.62	15.44	16.00	15.00	13.75	14.25
Canner		14.78	15.75	14.84	13.69	14.62	14.44	14.50	13.75	12.00	12.12
Bulls - All weights -											
Commercial		19.38	21.25	18.00	19.06	19.25	18.38	--	--	--	--
Utility		19.88	20.50	18.38	19.31	19.12	18.19	19.50	20.75	21.25	21.33
Calves - 500# down -											
Choice		--	--	23.00	24.75	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good		--	--	21.25	23.00	--	--	--	--	--	23.50
Standard		--	--	18.50	20.50	--	--	--	--	--	20.50
Vealers - All wts. -											
Choice		29.50	29.50	27.00	26.50	28.00	26.50	--	--	27.00	27.00
Good		27.00	27.00	24.00	24.50	24.75	23.75	--	--	25.00	25.00
Standard		22.00	21.50	20.00	21.00	21.50	21.00	--	--	22.50	22.00
Stocker and feeder cattle and calves											
Steers -											
Choice	500-800#	26.50	28.12	26.12	27.06	26.00	28.25	25.50	27.50	--	25.75
Good	500-800	24.00	25.12	23.75	24.69	23.50	24.75	22.75	24.88	--	23.75
Medium	500-1000	20.75	22.25	21.00	21.00	20.50	21.25	19.75	21.50	--	20.50
Heifers -											
Choice	500-750#	--	--	23.75	24.75	23.50	25.50	23.75	25.62	--	24.00
Med. & Gd.	500-750	--	--	20.75	21.00	19.75	22.00	20.50	22.25	--	19.75
Cows - All wts. -											
Med. & Gd.		--	--	16.50	16.62	16.25	15.50	16.00	--	--	15.75
Calves - 300-500# -											
Steers -											
Good & Choice		--	--	28.25	29.00	28.75	30.00	29.25	--	--	26.25
Heifers -											
Good & Choice		--	--	25.50	25.75	26.00	26.75	27.50	--	--	24.25

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Interior Iowa and So. Minnesota		St. Louis National Stock Yards		Omaha		Indianapolis		St. Joseph		Kansas City		Peoria	
	June 3 1961	June 4 1960	June 3 1961	June 4 1960	June 3 1961	June 4 1960	June 3 1961	June 4 1960	June 3 1961	June 4 1960	June 3 1961	June 4 1960	June 3 1961	June 4 1960	June 3 1961	June 4 1960
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	17.56	17.43	--	--	17.49	17.37	16.94	16.40	17.62	17.53	16.94	16.88	16.88	--	17.18	16.78
200-220	17.69	17.58	16.46	16.65	17.49	17.39	17.14	17.03	17.75	17.56	17.12	16.98	16.97	16.90	17.18	17.12
220-240	17.25	17.40	16.34	16.49	17.26	17.29	17.14	17.02	17.31	17.23	17.00	16.97	16.98	16.92	16.96	16.94
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	17.00	17.18	16.14	16.29	17.16	17.03	16.68	16.31	16.94	17.06	16.38	16.34	16.56	16.51	16.96	16.78
220-240	16.75	16.95	15.96	16.18	16.98	16.81	16.68	16.38	16.75	16.94	16.38	16.34	16.56	16.46	16.68	16.53
240-270	16.16	16.40	15.55	15.78	16.38	16.25	16.34	16.18	16.16	16.28	16.09	16.06	16.32	16.04	16.06	16.12
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
180-200	17.16	17.26	15.55	15.98	17.30	17.03	16.56	15.90	17.22	17.16	16.47	16.28	16.75	16.19	17.09	16.81
200-220	17.29	17.30	16.24	16.46	17.30	17.03	16.88	16.62	17.20	17.28	16.56	16.53	16.80	16.69	17.09	16.91
220-240	16.88	17.06	16.02	16.36	17.08	16.91	16.78	16.62	16.96	17.08	16.53	16.53	16.80	16.67	16.78	16.72
240-270	16.44	16.62	15.60	15.98	16.62	16.44	16.40	16.34	16.42	16.44	16.24	16.19	16.47	16.20	16.25	16.38
Sows - U.S.1,2 & 3																
270-330	--	--	14.76	14.51	15.00	14.81	14.94	14.94	15.03	14.88	14.82	14.54	15.00	14.38	14.62	14.19
330-400	14.66	14.53	14.26	14.01	14.75	14.38	14.59	14.28	14.50	14.28	14.50	14.16	14.75	13.88	14.25	13.88
400-550	13.78	13.71	13.48	13.18	14.22	13.38	14.09	13.68	14.00	13.56	13.92	13.47	14.12	13.22	13.75	13.12

Classification	South St. Paul		Sioux City		Sioux Falls		Cincinnati		Fort Worth		Thomasville		Baltimore		North Portland	
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	17.12	16.75	16.72	16.70	--	--	17.75	17.35	16.83	--	16.88	16.56	18.38	18.08	19.08	18.62
200-220	17.12	17.25	17.04	17.04	17.00	17.01	17.84	17.58	16.88	--	16.88	16.56	18.42	18.29	19.08	18.62
220-240	17.12	17.25	17.04	16.92	16.97	17.01	17.67	17.21	16.58	--	16.88	16.56	--	--	19.08	18.50
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	16.62	16.75	16.56	16.72	16.53	16.75	17.68	17.45	16.54	15.71	16.12	15.94	--	--	18.12	18.00
220-240	16.59	16.75	16.56	16.69	16.53	16.59	17.46	17.20	16.50	15.46	16.12	15.94	--	--	18.12	17.75
240-270	16.19	16.25	16.22	16.20	15.88	16.09	17.01	16.70	16.12	14.54	15.75	15.31	17.38	--	17.83	17.25
U. S. No. 1,2 & 3																
180-200	16.69	16.53	16.62	16.64	--	--	17.68	17.32	16.46	--	16.22	16.06	18.38	17.96	--	--
200-220	16.69	16.75	16.69	16.81	16.72	16.78	17.68	17.45	16.46	15.83	16.22	16.06	18.38	18.08	--	--
220-240	16.62	16.75	16.69	16.74	16.69	16.75	17.46	17.20	16.42	15.58	16.22	16.06	18.00	17.83	--	--
240-270	16.19	16.28	16.34	16.26	16.06	16.19	17.03	16.70	16.12	14.54	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sows - U.S.1, 2 & 3																
270-330	15.22	15.09	15.06	14.75	--	14.75	14.81	14.25	14.50	12.17	13.50	12.69	15.50	14.21	15.75	15.50
330-400	14.69	14.31	14.41	14.16	14.44	14.38	14.31	13.81	14.50	11.75	13.12	12.19	15.12	13.83	15.25	14.88
400-550	14.00	13.62	13.75	13.41	13.69	13.56	13.78	13.12	14.50	11.25	12.75	11.44	14.12	13.08	13.50	13.75
Feeder pigs - All wts. Good and Choice	16.25	15.12	15.69	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended	Chicago	St. Louis Nat'l. Stock Yards	Kansas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	Eight mkts. combined
AVERAGE COST -			Dollars per 100 pounds						
Barrows and gilts June 3, 1961	16.63	16.92	16.48	16.38	16.15	16.18	16.22	16.77	16.46
May 27, 1961	16.58	16.78	16.14	16.17	16.01	16.04	16.06	16.92	16.35
June 4, 1960	16.67	16.59	16.29	16.25	16.19	16.35	16.37	16.92	16.46
Sows June 3, 1961	13.85	14.18	14.38	14.20	14.02	14.11	14.21	13.87	14.10
May 27, 1961	13.94	14.21	14.22	14.16	14.04	14.16	14.10	14.10	14.10
June 4, 1960	13.80	13.82	13.40	13.87	13.76	13.68	13.90	13.58	13.79
AVERAGE WEIGHT -			Pounds						
Barrows and gilts June 3, 1961	238	221	235	243	246	242	240	234	237
May 27, 1961	238	222	237	242	246	238	244	232	237
June 4, 1960	239	225	231	243	243	230	241	229	235
Sows June 3, 1961	439	436	434	419	408	420	390	465	419
May 27, 1961	450	428	436	414	428	416	398	462	423
June 4, 1960	440	393	414	414	408	409	388	452	412
NUMBER OF HEAD -									
Barrows and gilts June 3, 1961	22545	37139	12446	33170	35766	22445	21570	19797	204878
May 27, 1961	35104	43468	15021	34981	34809	23444	26400	21222	234449
June 4, 1960	23536	47529	12949	30383	34040	23916	19399	24531	216283
Sows June 3, 1961	3143	2809	947	5339	5387	1898	6258	2489	28270
May 27, 1961	3295	3126	1129	5920	4997	2020	6660	2317	29464
June 4, 1960	3295	3650	813	4759	5372	1677	5338	2943	27847
SOWS -			Percentage of total						
June 3, 1961	12	7	7	14	13	8	22	11	12
May 27, 1961	9	7	7	14	13	8	20	10	11
June 4, 1960	12	7	6	14	14	7	22	11	11

1/ Weighted average.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Week ended	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
June 3, 1961	$19.17	$17.29	$1.88
May 27, 1961	18.51	17.23	1.28
June 4, 1960	18.84	17.30	1.54

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.
2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1,2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.
3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts 1/ Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn 2/ No.3 yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
June 3, 1961	16.63	113.4	14.7
May 27, 1961	16.58	113.4	14.6
June 4, 1960	16.67	122.7	13.6

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

There was very little trading of greasy domestic worsted wools in the Boston market during the Memorial Day week. Only a few cars were moved with prices showing a slightly easier trend.

Woolen wools were restricted to about the same volume as a week ago and noils had a narrow demand at steady prices.

Activity in the Western states also subsided but there was a modest movement in Texas at weaker prices while the principal interest in the fleece wool states was in the Pennsylvania County pools.

Mid-week cables from Australia showed the Continent and Japan the major buyers, but also supported by the United States and England. Quotations were weaker. At Auckland, New Zealand there was general competition with prices weak. South Africa showed a slightly easier tone as wool auctions terminated for the season on May 30. The South African Wool Commission had disposed of practically all wool offered. The South American markets were very dull.

Fleece Wools - Results of the Pennsylvania County pools were as follows: Potter 46,000# medium wool 57.12¢, Mercer 44,000# medium wool 55.56¢, Indiana 63,000# mediums 55.65¢, Venango 16,000# mediums 55.65¢, Armstrong 17,000# mediums 54.17¢, Clarion 19,000# medium 54.67¢, Greene 64,000# bulk delaine 44.92¢, and medium 54.68¢, Washington 70,000# bulk delaine 44.48¢ and medium 56.48¢. Country buyers were paying 45¢ to 47¢ to the growers for medium wools in Missouri, Illinois and Iowa while 40¢ to 42¢ was paid in Ohio and Pennsylvania for fine wools. Recent sales in Kentucky follow: No. 1, 45¢ to 50¢, No. 2, 35¢ to 43¢, No. 3, 30¢ to 43¢ and No. 4, 25¢ to 30¢, all grease basis.

Territory Wools - Graded 64s good French combing and staple Territory wool sold around $1.18/$1.19 clean basis.

RANGE SALES FOLLOW: In Montana the Yellowstone pool about 270,000# mixed fine, half and three-eighths 43.15¢ while short, heavy and burry fleeces sold around 38.15¢. The Park County pool 150,000# half, three-eighths and quarter-blood 46.69¢, Townsend pool 60,000# fine and half 41.69¢, Wibaux pool 80,000# of fine and half-blood 41.65¢. Around Powell, Wyoming 15,000# of fine and half-blood 40.0¢. In Oregon medium grade Valley wools brought 42¢/43¢ for ewes and 37¢/38¢ for lambs wool while some large clips of Valley Oregon wools brought up to 50¢. At Goldendale, Washington three-eighths and quarter-blood range wools sold at 46.7¢. About 100,000# of medium grade Idaho wools sold at 42¢ grease basis, while the Surprise Valley pool in Northern California around 61,000# brought 48.65¢ for ewes and 41¢ for lambs wool.

Texas Wools - Good French combing and staple 12 months Texas wools were steady at the recent decline and wools were purchased in a range of $1.20 to $1.25 while the price for 8 months wools remained unchanged at $1.10 to $1.15 clean basis, delivered East.

Mohair - The mohair market in Boston and overseas continued very slow.

Foreign Wools - Spot foreign wools were slow. South African auctions closed for the season par to 2½ percent lower compared to a week ago. A spot lot of greasy B.A. Nov. 2nd clip 36/40s sold at 77¢ clean fibers present. Cabled reports at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U.S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

Australia Oil-combed				New Zealand Oil-combed		
77	- $1.18	422	- $1.12	93	-	$.92
78	- 1.15	423	- 1.09	834	-	.91
78A	- 1.12	424	- 1.00	100	-	.86
79	- 1.11	425	- .95	107	-	.81
80	- 1.09			114	-	.78
				128	-	.77

South Africa

Oil-combed				Scoured yields				
7	- $1.09	48	- $1.04	17-	$1.03	32	-	$.97
8	- 1.05	52	- 1.04	22-	1.01	33	-	.96
12	- 1.06	53	- 1.01	23-	1.01	37	-	.94
47	- 1.06			27-	.99	38	-	.93
				28-	.98			

Montevideo Super Skirted Wools: 64s - $1.00, 60/64s - 97¢, 60s - 94¢, 60/58s - 92¢, 58/56s - 90¢, 56/50s - 88¢, 50s - 87¢.

Carpet Wools - The carpet wool trade remained dull during this holiday week. Greasy B.A. 36/40s lambs wool sold for shipment at 73¢ clean fibers present. March 2nd clip wools were offered for shipment at 69¢. Greasy N. Z. early shorn wools were offered at 69¢ and type 702/3 crutchings at 67¢. Spot lots of carpet wools were offered as follows: White Pakistan at 78¢, pale yellow at 70¢, light gray at 49¢ and dark gray at 38½¢, white India at 77½¢ and pale yellow at 69¢. Choice white Awassi at 83¢ and a white Pyrenean at 75¢.

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - June 1,1961
(Furnished by the Wool Assoc. of the New York Cotton Exchange)

July wool tops - $1.580
October wool tops - $1.580
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length
July wool - $1.165
October wool - $1.202
64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Prices for steer carcasses were steady to mostly 50¢ higher, instances $1.00 up, however, at Baltimore the trend was steady to $1.00 lower. Cow beef largely steady to 50¢ higher; veal and calf unchanged at New York and Baltimore, while at Washington steady to $1.00 up; Philadelphia weak to $1.00 lower. Lamb sold mainly $1.00-1.50 lower at New York, most sales at Baltimore $2.00-3.00 off, and unchanged at other centers. Pork loins closed $1.00-3.00 higher; Boston butts steady; fresh skinned hams and spareribs mostly $1.00-2.00 higher.

Choice and Prime kosher steer forequarters were steady to 50¢ lower; lamb $1.00-2.00 off. Quotations for veal and calf were unchanged.

Supplies of steer beef, veal and calf were nearly normal; lamb normal, with spring lamb predominating. The volume of pork was moderate. Steer carcasses and cuts moved readily during the holiday week and clearance was good. Trading was active and an improved demand was noted on steer rounds and arm chucks. Trading was rather slow for cow beef, however, small supplies showed good clearance. Demand was generally poor for veal, but trading was moderately active at Washington. At New York some chain accounts absorbed spring lamb hindsaddles, but outlet was poor for carcasses and particularly foresaddles. Most retailers were aggressive for pork and movement was good. A small to moderate number of veal, calf and lamb went unsold at New York.

CHICAGO - Steer and heifer beef sold 50¢-$1.00 higher, veal unchanged, lamb steady to $1.00 lower, pork loins 8-16# $2.00-2.50 higher, Boston butts 4-8# steady, spareribs $1.00 higher.

Supplies of steer and heifer beef, lamb and fresh pork were only moderate for the week, and veal small. Suspended slaughtering activities Tuesday was partially responsible for below normal supplies. Beef in the main was Good and Choice grades, and Choice lamb carcasses over 55# predominated in the lamb trade.

The main feature of the week in the beef division was the first price upturn in two months. Carcass trading ruled only moderately active but all primal cuts were in fairly good demand through Wednesday. A slow opening veal trade turned moderately active and small supplies cleared completely. Carcass lamb was in moderate demand, while ribs and loins found the best outlet of the primal cuts. Lamb legs proved hardest to move. Trading on spareribs was not quite as active as the previous week but movement generally was satisfactory, all listed pork cuts finding equal distribution in a fair trade. A meat truck drivers' strike on late in week under review curtailed trading as deliveries in the city were halted.

PACIFIC COAST - Steer and heifer beef sold steady to 50¢ higher, the advance largely at Los Angeles. Cow beef was steady to $1.00 lower, with a large share steady in California. Veal and calf were steady to $1.00 lower, the decline in the Northwest; lamb steady to $1.00 higher in California but 25¢-$1.00 lower in the Northwest. Fresh pork sold mostly steady to $2.00 higher, except some declines of $1.00 were noted on shoulders and Boston butts. Cured pork held mostly steady.

Supplies of steer beef under 600# and heifer beef were moderate while steer beef over 600# and cow beef were liberal. Veal and calf supplies were normal, spring lamb abundant. Pork supplies decreased compared with recent weeks and was some below normal. Demand for steer and heifer beef was fair to good except fair to poor for cow. Veal and calf moderate. Demand for lamb fairly good in California but rather poor in the Northwest. Demand was fairly good for most pork items.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY - Compared with the previous week's close, steer and heifer beef mostly $1.00 higher, instances $1.50 up, cow beef steady to 50¢ lower, lamb steady to $1.00 higher, pork loins $1.00-2.00 higher, fresh hams steady to $1.00 higher, butts steady. Supply slightly below normal demand moderate to good all classes.

Following prices f.o.b. plant basis.

Beef: Choice 600-700# steer beef $36.00-36.50, few $37.00, 700-800# $35.00-36.00, Good 600-700# $34.50-35.00 high-Good $35.25-35.50, Good 700-800# $34.00-35.00. Choice 500-700# heifer beef $35.50-36.00, few $36.50, Good $33.50-34.50. Canner, Cutter and Utility cow beef $29.00-31.00.

Lamb: Choice and some Prime 45-55# old crop lamb $32.00-35.00 mostly $33.00-35.00. Bulk Choice and some Prime 35-55# spring lamb $37.00-42.00.

Pork: Pork loins 8-12# $41.00-42.00, fresh hams 12-14# $37.00-39.00, 14-16# $36.50-37.50, butts 4-8# $30.00-32.00 mostly $30.00-30.50. U. S. 1, 2 and 3 135-155# pork carcasses $23.60-24.50, 155-175# $23.10-24.00.

Clearance generally complete all classes.

Based on reports from major slaughtering centers--Omaha, Kansas City, Sioux City, Sioux Falls, St. Paul, St. Joseph, St. Louis, and the Interior Iowa and So. Minnesota area.

CARLOT SUMMARY - Chicago, Denver, New York and Philadelphia. Steer beef sold 50¢-$1.00 higher at Omaha and $1.00-1.50 higher at the other centers. Heifer beef was mostly 50¢-$1.00 higher but advanced 75¢-$1.25 at Chicago, cow beef steady to 50¢ lower, spring lamb steady to $1.00 higher. Pork loins $1.50-3.50 higher.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		June 3 1961	June 4 1960	June 3 1961	June 4 1960	June 3 1961	June 4 1960	June 3 1961	June 4 1960
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	42.75	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	40.50	46.88	37.83	44.63	38.75	45.75	37.92	45.00
	700-800	39.00	45.88	36.58	43.25	36.75	44.50	36.58	43.50
Good	500-600	38.00	43.38	36.33	42.63	38.58	44.50	37.33	43.00
	600-700	38.00	43.62	36.33	42.63	37.08	43.25	36.58	41.50
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	37.58	43.69	38.50	44.50	37.83	44.00
	600-700	--	--	37.58	43.69	--	43.00	36.42	42.75
Good	500-600	--	--	35.83	41.19	--	--	36.67	41.50
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	59.00	58.50	58.00	55.33	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	49.00	50.00	51.00	50.33	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	45.50	46.50	48.00	48.00	50.00	53.00	--	--
Spring lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	39.75	52.50	37.00*	46.50*	37.00	45.50	38.00	47.00
Choice	45-55	39.75	51.44	37.00*	46.50*	37.00	45.50	38.00	47.00
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	47.25	49.00	43.42	47.19	46.50	47.83	44.50	46.50
Butts	4-8	36.00	35.75	33.00	32.00	39.00	39.00	37.50	36.00
Spareribs	3# down	44.50	42.75	40.50	38.25	46.00	47.83	44.33	46.00
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	45.00	48.00	44.75	50.00	45.50	50.00	43.17	47.67
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		49.00	44.50	53.25	53.50	54.50	51.00	52.33	51.67
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	32.50	30.00	33.50	34.25	34.75	32.00	34.00	32.00
Lard, 1# carton		16.00	13.50	14.75	13.00	18.00	17.00	17.12	15.25

*Old crop lamb.

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED JUNE 2, 1961

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	36.50-37.00	35.20-36.00	35.25-36.25	38.00-39.00	38.00-38.50
	700-800	35.50-36.00	35.00	34.75-35.25	37.50-38.00	37.50-38.00
	800-900	35.00-35.50	34.50	33.75-34.25	36.50-37.50	37.00-37.50
Good	500-600	34.50-35.50	--	--	35.50-37.50	--
	600-700	34.50-35.50	33.00-35.40	34.00-34.75	35.00-38.00	36.50-37.00
	700-800	34.00-35.00	33.00-35.40	33.75-34.50	35.50-38.00	36.00-37.00
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	36.00-36.50	35.20-37.50	35.00-35.50	--	--
	600-700	36.00-36.50	34.70-35.20	35.00-35.50	--	37.50-38.00
Good	500-600	34.00-35.00	--	33.50-34.00	--	--
	600-700	34.00-35.00	--	33.50-34.00	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		29.00-30.50	--	29.00-30.00	--	31.00-32.00
Canner and Cutter		30.00-31.50	--	29.50-31.00	--	32.00-32.50
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	40.00	--	--	--	41.50-42.50*
	45-55	38.00-39.00	--	--	36.00-38.00	40.00-42.00*
	55-65	--	--	--	34.00-35.00	39.00-40.00*
Choice	35-45	40.00	37.50*	--	--	41.50-42.50*
	45-55	38.00-39.00	37.50*	33.25-35.25	36.00-38.00	40.00-42.00*
	55-65	--	32.50*	31.25-32.25	34.00-35.00	39.00-40.00*
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	41.50-42.50	--	41.50-42.00	--	43.50-44.00

*Spring lamb.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, UNITED STATES, APRIL 1961 1/

Month and period	Cattle: Federally inspected	Cattle: Other commercial	Cattle: Total	Cattle: Av. live weight	Calves: Federally inspected	Calves: Other commercial	Calves: Total	Calves: Av. live weight
	Thousand head			Pounds	Thousand head			Pounds
Apr. 1961	1,501.7	445.0	1,946.7	1,018	378.2	203.7	581.9	223
Mar. 1961	1,627.1	481.0*	2,108.1*	1,026*	456.5	255.7	712.2	208
Apr. 1960	1,411.6	448.6	1,860.2	1,006	394.2	206.6	600.8	218
Jan.-Apr. 1961 2/..	6,196.3	1,836.3	8,032.6	1,025	1,646.4	922.8	2,569.2	215
Jan.-Apr. 1960 2/..	5,989.8	1,844.4	7,834.2	1,021	1,678.1	930.8	2,608.9	209
	Hogs				Sheep and lambs			
Apr. 1961	5,048.5	897.8	5,946.3	238	1,247.3	169.4	1,416.7	102
Mar. 1961	6,110.1	1,033.6	7,143.7	234	1,310.7	171.6	1,482.3	104
Apr. 1960	5,571.1	1,022.9	6,594.0	236	1,054.1	148.7	1,202.8	101
Jan.-Apr. 1961 2/..	21,980.9	3,926.4	25,907.3	236	4,975.4	616.2	5,591.6	103
Jan.-Apr. 1960 2/..	24,044.7	4,704.1	28,748.8	232	4,454.6	538.6	4,993.2	103

1/ Excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded head and live weight.
*Revised.

COMMERCIAL MEAT AND LARD PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES, APRIL 1961 1/

Month and period	Beef	Veal	Pork 2/	Lamb and mutton	Total meat 2/	Lard 3/
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.
Apr. 1961	1,135	72	822	71	2,100	187
Mar. 1961	4/ 1,240	83	979	75	4/ 2,377	215
Apr. 1960	1,066	75	910	59	2,110	202
Jan.-Apr. 1961..	4,695	309	3,569	281	8,854	789
Jan.-Apr. 1960..	4,552	310	3,889	248	8,999	868

1/ Excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard and rendered pork fat.
3/ Includes rendered pork fat. 4/ Revised.
Statistical Reporting Service - Crop Reporting Board.

MEATS AND MEAT PRODUCTS GRADED, OR ACCEPTED AS COMPLYING WITH SPECIFICATIONS--BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 1/

Grade	Beef: Apr. 1961	Beef: Apr. 1960	Veal and calf: Apr. 1961	Veal and calf: Apr. 1960	Lamb and mutton: Apr. 1961	Lamb and mutton: Apr. 1960
	Thous. pounds		Thous. pounds		Thous. pounds	
Prime	15,329	11,051	157	121	6,065	5,496
Choice	382,683	336,463	2,303	2,794	25,328	17,545
Good	126,770	148,553	7,721	7,304	1,193	560
Standard	17,508	15,472	1,561	1,434	--	--
Commercial	3,408	4,295	--	--	--	--
Utility	4,965	4,320	133	103	141	9
Cutter	1,292	736	--	--	--	--
Canner	109	110	--	--	--	--
Cull	--	--	1	4	2	2
Total	552,063	521,000	11,877	11,760	32,729	23,612
Bull and stag beef ..	781	743				
All other meats and lard.....	15,487	12,146				

1/ Data pertain only to meats offered to the U. S. Department of Agriculture for grading or acceptance.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR LIVESTOCK, FEED AND WOOL 1/

Commodity and unit			May 15 1961	Apr. 15 1961	Mar. 15 1961	May 15 1960	Average Jan. 1947-Dec. 1949
Prices received by farmers -							
Hogs	Per cwt.	Dol.	16.00	16.90	17.10	15.40	21.90
All beef cattle	" "	"	19.80	20.60	20.90	21.70	20.20
Cows	" "	"	15.00	15.40	15.30	15.50	--
Steers and heifers	" "	"	21.60	22.70	23.10	24.00	--
Calves	" "	"	23.60	24.10	24.40	24.70	22.60
Sheep	" "	"	5.44	5.89	5.96	6.31	9.15
Lambs	" "	"	15.60	16.10	16.60	20.20	21.90
Wool 2/	Per lb.	"	.425	.411	.402	.451	.460
Corn	Per bu.	"	1.02	.965	1.01	1.07	1.64
Oats	" "	"	.598	.581	.593	.680	.852
Barley	" "	"	.875	.847	.847	.866	1.37
Hay, all baled	" ton	"	19.80	20.00	20.60	21.60	22.40
Cottonseed	" "	"	--	--	44.80	--	71.60
							May av. 1950-59
Hog-corn price ratio 4/ -							
United States	Bushel		5/ 15.7	5/ 17.5	5/ 16.9	14.4	13.8
N. Central States	"		5/ 15.9	5/ 18.1	5/ 17.2	14.8*	14.2
Iowa	"		5/ 15.9	5/ 18.9	5/ 18.6	16.0	--
							1947-49
Index numbers: (Av. Jan. 1910-Dec. 1914 = 100)							
All farm products			236	239	243	240*	271
Feed grains and hay			151	145	150	158	230
Meat animals			292	305	309	309*	334
Prices paid by farmers -							
Commodities & services, interest, taxes, and wage rates			302	302	302	301	250

1/ Estimates of Crop Reporting Board. 2/ Monthly average.
3/ Average local market price, excluding incentive payment.
4/ Bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog, live weight. 5/ Preliminary. *Revised.

EFFECTIVE PARITY PRICES FOR LIVESTOCK, FEED AND WOOL 1/

Commodity and unit			Adjusted base prices 2/	Effective parity prices 3/ based on data for May 1961	Apr. 1961	May 1960
Hogs	Per cwt.	Dol.....	7.08	21.40	21.40	21.50
Beef cattle	" "	"	7.87	23.80	23.80	23.80
Calves	" "	"	8.70	26.30	26.30	26.30
Lambs	" "	"	8.38	25.30	25.30	25.70
Wool	Per lb.	"	4/ .249	.752	.752	.746
Corn	" bu.	"	.538	1.62	1.62	1.64
Oats	" "	"	.279	.843	.843	.846
Barley	" "	"	.415	1.25	1.25	1.28
Cottonseed	" ton	"	4/20.80	62.80	62.80	67.40

1/ Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle A, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, 1954, and 1956.

2/ Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 120-month, January 1951-December 1960 average (including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations) by dividing by 253 percent (the 120-month average of the Index of Prices Received by Farmers adjusted to include an allowance for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments) unless otherwise noted.

3/ Effective parity prices as computed currently using base prices in effect and indexes for months indicated. These parity prices are the legally applicable parity prices for the following calendar month.

4/ Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 10 season average prices 1951-60 (including an allowance, where appropriate, for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations).

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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Portland
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Spring) - All wts.								
Prime	June 3, 1961	19.75	18.50	18.44	--	18.62	--	16.04
	June 4, 1960	--	22.90	23.44	22.00	23.75	21.78	21.79
Choice	June 3, 1961	19.00	18.00	17.78	17.25	17.47	--	15.88
	June 4, 1960	--	21.62	22.38	20.75	22.50	21.00	21.79
Good	June 3, 1961	18.00	--	16.88	16.75	--	--	--
	June 4, 1960	--	--	20.75	19.50	--	19.75	20.50
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Shorn) - 105 lb down								
Choice	June 3, 1961	15.62	14.25	15.62	12.75	14.62	--	12.00
	June 4, 1960	20.50	20.00	--	17.50	20.12	18.50	16.75
Good	June 3, 1961	14.50	13.00	14.62	11.75	14.50	--	10.00
	June 4, 1960	19.00	18.56	--	16.50	19.09	17.00	15.75
EWES: (Shorn) - All wts.								
Good &	June 3, 1961	4.28	4.44	3.28	--	4.81	--	4.00
Choice	June 4, 1960	6.25	5.25	4.50	--	5.38	5.25	5.00
Cull &	June 3, 1961	4.12	3.59	2.75	3.50	3.34	--	2.75
Utility	June 4, 1960	5.25	3.75	3.50	4.50	4.12	3.25	3.00
FEEDER LAMBS: - All wts.								
Good &	June 3, 1961	--	14.00	--	9.81	--	--	13.00
Choice	June 4, 1960	--	20.25	--	13.50	20.50	18.25	--